#### Non-Point Source Grants Webinar

Eligibility, Priorities, Process &

Notice of Intent

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#### Housekeeping

- All lines will be muted
- Questions can be sent to us via the question/chat box
- We will use polls during the webinar
- A short survey will be sent after the webinar please respond
- We will record the webinar and post it online

#### **Todays Presenters**



**Rob Selesky** 



**Bob Day** 



**Bob Sweet** 



**Rob Selesky** 

- NPS Program Overview
- Information and help
- Webinar Goals
- Agenda
- Process and schedule
- Eligibility who & where

#### Michigan's Nonpoint Source Program

- Assists partners to restore and protect waters from impacts of NPS pollution.
- Education and Outreach, Monitoring, Technical Assistance, Partnerships, and Enforcement.
- Pass Through Grants:
  - 7 12 projects a year totaling over \$3 million and leveraging over \$1 million more in local matching funds.
  - Over 700 grants since 1990 totaling about \$145 million in grant funds
  - Approximately 3,100 individual BMPs installed since 1990
    - Calculated load reductions
      - Sediment 1.5 million tons/year
      - Nitrogen 2.3 million pounds/year
      - Phosphorus 1.0 million pounds/year

## Nonpoint Source Program Website <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/nps">www.michigan.gov/nps</a> Where to go for information or help

- Staff contact information.
- The RFP and appendices.
- All forms and Instructions.
- Past Project Fact Sheets Warning!

#### **Goals for this Webinar**

- Discuss eligibility (who, what and where).
- Explain the schedule and process for FY15 NPS grant funding.
- Review the FY15 NPS Program priorities targeted water bodies and eligible activities.
- Explain the Notice of Intent Form.
- Answer any questions about applications or proposed work.

#### Agenda

- Process and Schedule
- Eligibility Criteria
- Targeted Water Bodies
- Program Priorities
- Notice of Intent (NOI) Form
- Wrap up

#### **Process and Schedule**

- Request for Proposals Released
  - Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Notice of Intent (NOI) Due
  - Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Invitation for full proposal
  - Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Webinar for Full Proposal Preparation
  - Week of September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for Full Proposal
- Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>

## Process and Schedule What Takes So Long?

- Initial Review Internal and external reviewers representing different expertise's and programs.
- District Staff Rank proposals on a District basis.
- NPS Unit A Recommendation Package is put together on a Statewide basis.
- Management Review Sequentially by WRD Management, DEQ Management, EPA Region 5, and for projects over \$250,000 the State Ad Board.
- Congressional adoption of a federal budget
- Project Awards!

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- Nonfederal Units of government,
- Public and private colleges and universities,
- Incorporated nonprofit organizations.

#### In addition, all applicants must:

- Supply proof of a successful financial audit,
- Be in good standing with DEQ programs,
  - No DEQ grant revoked or terminated.
  - No demonstrated inability to manage a grant or meet the obligations in a project contract with the DEQ.
- Not on the Federal Debarment and Suspension List.
- Not an Iran-linked business

#### **Eligible Watersheds**

 Watersheds with watershed management plan approved as meeting State and federal criteria on or before July 30, 2014 (See map and listing here).

NPS Approved
Watershed Plans

319 & CMI approved
Nested Watershed
319 & CMI approved
CMI approved
CMI approved
Plan Being Developed

8/7/2013

#### Questions?



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Bob Day, NPS Unit Chief

- Eligible Activities what
- Targeted Water Bodies
- Program Priorities

#### Eligible/Non-Eligible Activities

- Eligible
  - High priority recommendations in approved WMP
  - Located in critical area in WMP
  - Consistent with NPS Program Plan
- Ineligible
  - Activities required by permit, law or enforcement order
  - Maintenance activities
  - Land Acquisition in fee simple (outright purchase)
  - Point Source Related projects

#### **Watershed Planning**

- No longer a standalone funding category.
- Limited funds for Technical Updates available.
- Proposals including a Technical Update will be evaluated on the implementation portion.
- Applicants should consider the timing of the technical update relative to implementation.

#### **Targeted Water Bodies**

- List by District
  - Includes 49 water bodies
    - 11 for protection activities
    - 32 for restoration activities
    - 4 for both protection and restoration activities
    - 2 for restoration and technical plan update
- Maps (available soon)

#### **Project Outcomes**

- Restoration projects:
  - 1. Meet USEPA strategic targets
    - Fully restore impaired water bodies.
    - ii. Remove at least one specific cause of impairment.
    - iii. Improve water quality in a 12-digit HUC.
  - 2. Result in measurable improvements in water quality.
  - 3. Achieve or substantial progress toward the NPS reduction targets of a TMDL or watershed management plan.

#### **Project Outcomes**

- Protection projects:
  - 1. Result in measurable water quality improvement at NPS impacted sites in high quality watersheds.
  - 2. Achieve or substantial progress toward the land use protection targets of a watershed management plan.
- Outreach and Education projects:
  - 1. Result in measurable change in social indicators.

#### **NPS Program Emphasis**

### Projects that utilize LID and Green Infrastructure (GI)

- In watersheds with impairments caused by unstable hydrologic conditions.
- LID or GI must be identified as a high priority activity in the approved watershed management plan.
- LID or GI must be focused on critical areas in the approved watershed management plan.

#### **Program Priorities**

- Three Tier System
  - Used Since Fiscal Year 2010
  - Changes for FY15
- Historic Tiers and Funding

FY10 – FY14	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Received	134	80	38	14
Funded	58	49	8	1

#### **Program Funding Priorities - Tier 1**

- A targeted water body.
- Implements the priority activity, and meets one or more of the measurable outcomes.
- Achieves the land use protection goals of an approved WMP, or
- LID and GI practices consistent with the program emphasis.

#### **Program Funding Priorities – Tier 2**

- Projects for any eligible water body that:
  - Meet one or more of the outcomes listed for Tier 1.
  - Achieve or make substantial progress toward the NPS load reduction target of an approved TMDL or watershed management.
  - Achieve substantial progress toward the land use protection goals of an approved watershed management plan.

#### **Program Funding Priorities – Tier 3**

 Other NPS projects which are consistent with the eligibility criteria and the NPS Program Plan.

Proposals meeting the criteria for Tier 1 will be considered for funding first. Good Tier 2 projects may be selected over Tier 1 projects that poorly address priorities. Tier 3 proposals will be considered last.

#### Questions?



**Bob Day** 

- Eligible Activities what
- Targeted Water Bodies
- Program Priorities



**Bob Sweet** 

- Notice of Intent (NOI) Form
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#### **Notice Of Intent Forms**

- What
  - Short form requesting basic information.
- Why
  - Assess eligibility.
  - Improve projects prior to full proposals being due.
  - Helps applicants assess the competiveness of their idea.
- Submitting the Form
  - Word© Format via e-mail.
  - E-mail response.

Organization Name:	
Organization Address: (Street Name and #)	
(City, Zip Code)	
Organization Phone #:	
Contact Person:, Contact's E-Mail:	
(Name)(Title)	
Organization can provide proof of a successful audit?   Yes  No	
Organization is a: Nonprofit -or- Unit of Governmental	

Listed Watersheds:  12 Digit HUC: Designated Use: TMDL Date:  12 Digit HUC: Designated Use: TMDL Date:	Project Name: Project Location (Print Water body Name: Watershed Managem Plan is:  CMI Apple Specific Recommend	HUC Code: ent Plan Name: roved 319 Appr		
		Designated Use:	TMDL Date:	

#### To find your 12 digit HUC

- Go to: <a href="http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html">http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html</a>
- Enter the City and State of your project area.
- Select "Boundaries and Water Features" on the menu on the right side of the screen.
- Check the box next to "Watershed (HUC 12)".
- Click "Identify" on the left of the screen and check the "Click a point" box in the Identify pop-up.
- Click within the watershed of interest and then on "Boundaries and Water Features in the new pop-up.
- The 12 digit HUC and watershed name will be displayed.

Project Summary (Maximum 200 words):

Project Outcomes (Maximum 100 words):

ect Includes:
Physical Best Management Practice (BMP) Installation:
BMP Type:
Managerial BMPs:
BMP Type:
Technical Support for BMP installation via other funding source
Land Protection:
Information and Education Efforts
Environmental Monitoring
Social Monitoring
Technical Watershed Plan Update

Partners:

Consultants:

Estimated Grant Funds: \$ 0.00 Estimated Local Match: \$ 0.00

#### **NOI Submittal**

- Due before 5pm Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>,
- In Word© Format,
- Email as an attachment to:

#### deq-npsgrants@michigan.gov

Confirmation email within 2 hours.

#### Questions?



**Bob Sweet** 

NOI Form

• Anything Else?

#### Wrap Up

- Recording
- Evaluation
- Contacts
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